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THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

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NEW WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1866.

Price 6d. or 12 cts

Extracts from Late English Papers.

THE ARREST OF GORDON.—In a letter to the *News Daily*, Mr. Fiddes, surgeon, of Kingston, gives the following account of the arrest of George William Gordon:—"At 11 o'clock in the forenoon I found Mr. Gordon at the house of a relative in the upper part of the city, where I understood he occasionally resided. He was in the company of his wife and a male friend. I at once announced to him the object of my visit; told him that the Government had issued a warrant for his apprehension, and advised him to appear immediately at head-quarters. Without a moment's hesitation he expressed his concurrence in my advice, and entering my carriage, we drove to our destination. Cards were sent in to General O'Connor, who received us with the utmost civility and politeness; in the meantime I had sent my coachman to Mr. Gordon's solicitor, Mr. Airey, to request his immediate attendance, in case any legal advice might be required. Martial law did not exist in Kingston; and I entertained no idea that Mr. Gordon would be immediately transferred to a parish, where it was in active operation. I imagined that Mr. Gordon might be bound over to appear before the civil tribunals of the country, and I, having confidence in his innocence, was then ready and willing to have guaranteed his bail bond to any amount. I considered that the worst that could then happen would be incarceration and a refusal to take bail. General O'Connor informed us that he was a soldier, and nothing more, and that he could not interfere in the matter; and at once perceiving the justice of the worthy General's remark, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Airey and myself were in the act of repairing to the Executive Chambers, when Governor Eyre, accompanied by his chief adviser and counsellor, Dr. L. Q. Bowerbank, Custos of Kingston, entered the room, and I confess that I was not a little surprised at the scene which then ensued. These two functionaries walked rapidly up to Mr. Gordon, who was standing at the corner of the General's writing-table, and the Governor, placing himself on Mr. Gordon's right side, and Dr. Bowerbank on his left, they both, in somewhat hurried language, made him understand that he was their prisoner. Mr. Gordon assured them that he had just arrived at the General's house for the purpose of meeting any charge which he laid against him; that he was on the point of going with me to the Executive Chambers, and that he placed himself entirely at the disposal of the Government. Governor Eyre then replied that he would not permit him to leave the General's house, or to go anywhere without an escort to guard his person. The scene ended by Mr. Gordon being taken into Dr. Bowerbank's carriage; and accompanied by a few mounted troopers, the Custos and the prisoner drove to the Ordnance Wharf, from whence the latter was immediately transferred to the war steamer *Wolverine*, and within half an hour after the arrest he was on his way to Morant Bay."

CURIOUS REVERSES OF FORTUNE.—The lineal descendant of Dermot McMorrough, the last Irish king, is now engaged working as a stonemason at some buildings in Toxteth Park, Liverpool. He is known by the name of Doyle. The undoubted representative of the celebrated Earl of Ulster, who flourished in the reign of Elizabeth, and who gave that monarch a good deal of trouble in Ireland, is now a policeman in the Liverpool force. The grandson of one of the most eminent members of the Irish Parliament, who was not only distinguished as an orator and a beautiful lyric poet, but also for his patriotism and opposition to the union, is now a barman in a spirit vault near the Liverpool Exchange.

In the course of a speech delivered at the Burns' Club annual dinner, at Edinburgh, on Thursday week, Professor Masson, who proposed the toast "The Poets of Scotland," said he had made a calculation that probably in the British Islands at the present moment there are 200,000 people writing verses (laughter). "I stick to 200,000 exactly. I cannot give you the data on which I make my calculation, but they satisfied myself at the moment when I made it. And they are not only making verses, but I assure you making verses which would have obtained a reputation had they been written in the last century. The quantity of verses which is being produced in English and Irish villages, in Scotch manse, and in all sorts of places, is utterly enormous. I do not think that it is any objection to literature that it is becoming voluminous, and that its practitioners are becoming numerous. Perhaps in some future time the distinction of a man will be, and he will be pointed out on the streets as a distinguished man, that he has not written a book." (Laughter.)

New Advertisements.

THE CHEAP HOUSE. NEW GOODS

—FOR—
CASH! CASH! CASH!

J. S. CLUTE

No doubt is selling **CHEAPER FOR CASH THAN ANY HOUSE IN TOWN.** His stock consists in part of

Dry Goods,
Clothing,
Boots & Shoes,
Shawls,
Mantles,
Hats, Caps,
Miners' Outfits,
Blankets,
Overshirts,
Gum Boots,
Gun Coats,
Underclothing

In great variety, all of which will be sold at such prices as will defy successful competition.

J. S. C. returns his sincere thanks for the very liberal patronage he has received and desires a continuance of past favors.

His Motto is "Cheap for Cash."

And all parties will find it to their advantage to give him a call before purchasing elsewhere.

J. S. CLUTE.
Columbia Street, New Westminster

JUST RECEIVED

FOR SALE!

BRUSSELS and KIDDERMINSTER Carpets; Hearth Rugs; Blankets, four point; Flannels; Boots; Shoes; Socks; Underclothing; Hats; Caps; Clothing, in the latest styles; Dress Shirts; Baltic Shirts; Collars, paper and linen; Silk Ties; Boys' Suits; Umbrellas; Superfine Cloth, black and blue, from the best manufactories. All of which will be sold at the **LOWEST RATES FOR CASH.**

WILLIAM GRIEVE.
New Westminster, Nov. 23, 1864.

E. C. GILLETTE, C. E.,

Mining Engineer & Surveyor,
WILLIAMS CREEK.

HAVING purchased the business on Williams Creek carried on by Mr. Dewdney as Mining Engineer and Surveyor, I am prepared to execute any work entrusted to me with promptness and dispatch.

E. C. GILLETTE.
New Westminster, April 10th, 1866.

ROBT A. BROWN,

Collector of Rents and Accounts,
Office—Columbia street, near the Custom House.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

Men Wanted at Quesselmouth.

THE Telegraph Company will commence work at Quessnel on the 1st of May. Conditions can be ascertained at any of the Company's offices in British Columbia.

ED. CONWAY.
Assist. Engineer.

FOR SALE.

70 Tons Good Timothy Hay.
THE Hudson Bay Company have seventy tons excellent Timothy Hay for sale at Langley. Apply at the Fort to

O. ALLARD.
Agent.

Langley, B. C., April 6th, 1866.

New Advertisements.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

MEN'S COATS, TWEED SUITS, AND INVERNESS CAPES, a large assortment, for sale by

ARTHUR BULLOCK.
Baltic Shirts, Drawers and Underclothing, of every description, at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Felt, Plush, and Straw Hats, for sale by

ARTHUR BULLOCK.
Fine and Nailed Boots, Gaiters, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, a large assortment, at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
White and Grey Calicos, Linen and Cotton Sheetings, for sale at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Winey, Plaid, and Staff Dresses, a great variety, at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Ladies' Cloaks, Shawls and Skirts, a choice assortment, at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Ladies' and Children's Woolen Hoods and Gloves, at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Ladies' and Children's Velvet, Felt and Straw Hats, a choice lot, for sale at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
First-rate Cigars, eight for \$1.00, for sale at

ARTHUR BULLOCK'S.
Opposite Colonial Restaurant.
New Westminster, Nov. 14, 1865.

L. FISK. D. GREENEBAUM.

FISK & GREENEBAUM,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

General Merchandise,
—AT—
LILLOOET AND CLINTON, B. C.

Furs and Farmer's Produce taken in Exchange at Highest Market Rates.

MORROW'S ALE.

The undersigned is manufacturing a superior quality of

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which will be sold in quantities to suit.

my20tc **WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK.**

THE GOVERNMENT PIONEER BAKERY,
CORNER LYTON SQUARE,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has resumed the management of the above well known establishment, and that he will conduct it upon the most liberal principles, and secure, he hopes, that liberal patronage extended to him in the early days of New Westminster. No pains will be spared to keep his customers always supplied with the best quality of bread.

Cakes, Pies, &c., will be constantly kept on hand, and all orders receive prompt and careful attention.

November 1st, 1865. **PHILIP HICK.**

T. E. LADNER'S
Wholesale and Retail

FEED STORE,
FRONT STREET, adjoining Woolcock's Wharf.

Just Received and for Sale:

100,000 lbs. Barley,
80,000 lbs. Oats,
200 bbls. National Mills Flour
30 tons Timothy Hay,
10,000 lbs. Bayou Beans.

Thos. E. Ladner.

JER'H NAGLE,
SHIPPING AGENT

—AND—
CUSTOM-HOUSE BROKER.

CREWS shipped for foreign and coasting vessels Manifests and Charter Parties drawn out. Permits made out and passed at the Custom-House. Vessels bought, sold and chartered.

Office on Front street, next door to Scott's Saloon.

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COLONIAL HOTEL,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

—0000—
Messrs. Grelley Brothers

Have added to their comfortable

Hotel and Restaurant,

A SPLENDID

Billiard Saloon,
In which will always be found the best

DRINKS AND CIGARS.

In connection with the above they have opened a Store stocked with the choicest Brands of

WINE, LIQUORS, PORTER, BRANDIES, RUM, CIDER, SYRUPS, CORDIALS, BITTERS, &c.,

which they will sell by the bottle, gallon, or in case.

—ALSO—
THE BEST BRANDS OF CIGARS,

Havana, Manila and Cheroots.

New Westminster, July 18, 1862.

W. J. ARMSTRONG,

IMPORTER.
Wholesale and Retail

DEALER IN

COLUMBIA STREET,

New Westminster

LOWE BROTHERS,

Commission Merchants,
AND IMPORTERS OF

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES,

FRENCH WINES,

LIQUORS, HAVANA CIGARS,

Naval Stores, Rope, Canvas, Oars, &c., &c.,

WHARF STREET

my26 **VICTORIA, V. I.**

Public Notice.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

NOTICE is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that this Company is not, and will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person whomsoever in its service or employ, (whether temporarily or otherwise), unless every such debt shall have been previously expressly authorized by either James W. Pitfield, Charles R. Burrage, or myself; who alone are empowered to contract any debts on behalf of the Company in British Columbia or Vancouver Island.

Dated Head Telegraph Office, New Westminster, 9th January, A. D., 1866.

ED. CONWAY,
Assist. Engineer.

COUGHS, ASTHMA, AND INCIPENT CONSUMPTION are effectually cured by

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES

FOR HALF A CENTURY this well-known remedy for Pulmonary Disorders has successfully stood the test of public approval, and their usefulness has been extended to every clime and country of the civilized world. They may be found alike on the gold fields of Australia, the back-woods of America, in every important place in the East or West Indies, and the Palace of Pekin. During this long period they have withstood the pretensions of numerous inferior rivals, and are now the acknowledged antidote of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c.

Prepared and sold in Boxes and Tins of various sizes, by **THOMAS KEATING, Chemist, &c., 79, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.** Retail by all Druggists and Patent Medicine Vendors in the World.

N. B.—To prevent spurious imitations, please to observe that the words "KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES" are engraved on the Government Stamp of each Box, without which none are genuine.

NOTICE
AFTER THIS DATE, **E. T. DODGE & CO.**, are not responsible for damage on Oils or Liquids shipped in Tin or Glass, unless by special contract made in writing in respect of such goods at the time of shipment.

E. T. DODGE & CO.
Port Douglas, May 4, 1865.

New Advertisements.

STATIONERY,

A LARGE AND WELL-ASSORTED STOCK

—OF—
STAPLE AND FANCY STATIONERY

Always to be found at

G. C. CLARKSON & CO.'S

BOOKS.

A larger stock than ever, embracing works on all subjects, at the Colonial Bookstore.

FANCY GOODS,
In variety, at the same place.

ART UNION.—Some Pictures of the London Art Union for sale cheap.

G. C. Clarkson & Co.

FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to return thanks to the inhabitants of New Westminster and the people of British Columbia generally, for their liberal patronage to the firm of Withrow & Tilley, and would now inform the Public generally that he has purchased Mr. Tilley's share of the business, and begs to solicit their patronage as heretofore.

He will endeavor to keep always on hand a fine assortment of Furniture of every description.

Hair, Pale, and Straw Mattresses on hand and manufactured to order.

A variety of Picture Frame Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate now in stock. An assortment of Willow-ware on hand.

Also, the only dealer in Doors and Window Sashes. He will always endeavor to keep an assortment suitable for this market on hand.

Also, on hand a consignment of the celebrated Grand Star Overstrung Pianos, which will be sold at a slight advance on cost.

DAVID WITHROW,
COLUMBIA STREET,
New Westminster.

Coal! Coal! Coal!

Just Arrived per Str. "Fideliter" from NANAIMO, a large supply of SUPERIOR

Screened Domestic Coal!
which will be sold cheap for cash.

Apply to **H. HOLBROOK,**
Agent for the Coal Company, Pioneer Wharf.

Grouse Creek Flume Co., (Limited.)

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors of this Company, held this day, a further call of Five Dollars per Share was levied, payable to the Secretary, at the office of the company, forthwith.

J. F. STANFORD, Secretary.
Victoria, V. I., Feb. 28, 1866.

NOTICE.

THE Old Pioneer Boatman, "BIG JACK," has opened a line of communication between Savana's Ferry and Shuswap Lake, where he will hold himself in readiness to accommodate the public by forwarding passengers at reasonable rates and with the utmost dispatch.

JOHN CARRAGHER.

NOTICE.

AFTER THIS DATE, **URIAH NELSON & CO.**, are not responsible for damage on Oils or Liquids shipped in Tin or Glass, unless by special contract made in writing in respect of such goods at the time of shipment.

URIAH NELSON & CO.
Port Douglas, May 2, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE Board of Management of the Royal Columbian Hospital beg to solicit donations of old linen for the use of that institution, donations to be sent direct to the Steward.

W. J. ARMSTRONG,
President of the Board.
New Westminster, March 6, 1866.

WILLIAM CLARKSON,
Auctioneer, Real Estate and General Agent.

Office—COLUMBIA STREET.

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New Advertisements.

STOVES! STOVES! STOVES!

JUST RECEIVED

—EX—
BRIG "SHEET ANCHOR,"

From San Francisco,
The largest and most complete assortment of Double Oven

Cook Stoves,

Ever brought to this market suitable for HOTELS and FAMILIES.

We furnish trimmings of our own manufacture, and consequently are enabled to sell them at a much lower rate than can be obtained elsewhere.

Traders and Others

Supplied with **TINWARE** at reduced rates

Orders from the interior filled by return boat.

JOB WORK
Attended to with **NEATNESS** and **DISPATCH.**

KEAY'S & CO.

767 Columbia st., New Westminster.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED having purchased the business heretofore carried on by

G. FERNANDEZ,

On Front street, begs leave to inform the Citizens of New Westminster and its vicinity, that he will continue to carry on the business as formerly, and will always have on hand a supply of

FRESH GROUND COFFEE

—AND—
FRESH PILOT BREAD,

Manufactured on the premises; also a large assortment of

Fancy and Staple Groceries,

Segars, Tobacco,

GRAIN AND FLOUR,

Which he will sell in quantities to suit, and at prices that will defy competition.

FOR CASH. JAMES ELLARD.

New Westminster, Feb. 6th, 1866.

EDUCATION.

GIRLS' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL,
New Westminster.

VISITOR.—The Bishop of Columbia.
LADY SUPERINTENDENT.—Miss Joyce.

The Course of Instruction comprises the usual branches of a good Education, including French, Drawing and Botany. Instructions in the two latter subjects will be given by the Rev. PERCIVAL JENKS.

TERMS—\$1 per month. Music is charged extra, at \$2 per month, to those for whom it is desired.

UNION LODGE,
NO. 899, E. R.,
F. & A. M.

THE REGULAR Monthly Meetings of this Lodge are held on the first Thursday of each month, at half-past seven, P. M.

All Visitors and Sojourning Brethren in good standing are invited to attend.

**Important to Business Men in
Victoria, California, Portland,
and Places on the Sound!**

THIS JOURNAL is the oldest newspaper published in
British Columbia. It is sold by every business man from
New Westminster to the Rocky Mountains, and is un-
derstood as an advertising medium for this Colony.
SUNNY RENTALS, in Victoria, and L. P. FISHER, in
San Francisco, are our authorized agents.

The British Columbian.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1866.

UP COUNTRY ITEMS.

The Tribune says:—The hon. P. O'Reilly,
Gold Commissioner for the Columbia District,
arrived at Yale on Thursday last and immedi-
ately proceeded on his journey to the Colum-
bia River via Savana's Ferry. Mr. O'Reilly
will be assisted in his new district, which
embraces Kootenay and Osoyoos, by Messrs.
Gagin and Haynes, Assistant Commissioners.

Supplies for the Big Bend mines are being
rapidly forwarded from Yale. Among the
chief forwarders are the Hudson Bay Company,
Messrs. Oppenheimer, Nelson & Co., and Mr.
Barlow. Freight, says the Tribune, averages
7 cents per lb. to Savana's Ferry.

Packers are asking 10 cents per lb. clear of
road tolls, for freighting goods to Williams
Creek. But very little is offering at that
figure, as merchants are unwilling to give
more than 16 cents.

The Yale toll receipts for the week ending
14th April, amounted to \$1,249.83.

The road from Cache Creek to Savana's
Ferry is now completed, and the Chief Com-
missioner of Works passed through Yale on
Thursday last to inspect and take it over, if ap-
proved.

The Hudson Bay Company, the Tribune says,
have made a contract with Messrs. Dodge &
Co., who are about to transfer their teams and
trains to this route, for freighting 400,000 lbs.
of goods to the Big Bend mines.

The wagon road from Yale to the Green
Timber is said to be in fine order. Beyond
that point there is considerable snow on the
ground. The Hudson's Bay Company are
about to establish depots for goods for the Big
Bend mines at Savana's Ferry and Seymour.

FROM VICTORIA.—The steamer Enterprise,
Capt. Swanson, arrived from Victoria last
evening, with a heavy freight and about 75
passengers. From papers received by her, we
glean the following items of news:—Six miles
of the telegraph cable, has been submerged,
from Fidalgo Island to Lopez Island. Mr. H.
N. Tooby, for some time past, connected with
the press of Victoria, committed suicide on
Sunday morning last, by cutting his throat
with a razor. He is said to have been laboring
under a fit of temporary insanity when he com-
mitted the fatal deed. On Sunday morning
the liquor store of Mr. Eugene Thomas, Yates
street, was entered by burglars, and \$40 stolen
from the safe.

HOME AGAIN.—The friends of the Rev. Mr.
Sheepshanks will be gratified to learn of his
safe arrival in Victoria, per steamer California,
on Friday last, after a lengthened absence in
England. He will doubtless arrive in New
Westminster by the Enterprise upon his return
trip, where he may expect a cordial welcome,
not only from those more immediately connected
with him in Church fellowship, but by all
classes of our citizens who enjoy the pleasure
of his acquaintance.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" NOTICES.—The
Surveyor General gives notice in the Govern-
ment Gazette that the town site of Seymour, at
the north-eastern extremity of Shuswap Lake,
will be immediately laid out and the lots sold
by auction on the spot, at noon on Saturday,
the 9th June next. T. Elyen, Esq., formerly
Gold Commissioner in Cariboo, has been ap-
pointed Agent for the British Columbia Gov-
ernment, with the expedition of the Western
Union Telegraph Company, about to explore
the line of route through the Skein territory.

THE STR. "LILLOOET." Capt. Fleming, ar-
rived here from Yale yesterday afternoon. D.
M. Lang, Esq., of the Bank of British Colum-
bia, came down on her. Mr. F. J. Barnard,
the indefatigable Expressman, was also on
board. The Lillooet brought down an Express,
a small freight, and a few passengers, but no
news of interest.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—The steamer Cali-
fornia brought about 200 tons of freight to this
city on Saturday last, direct from San Fran-
cisco. The Messrs. Oppenheimer, of Yale, alone
had upwards of fifty tons of assorted goods and
liquors. Messrs. U. Nelson & Co., also had a
large invoice of goods, for the up-country trade.

RETIRED.—We see by a late English paper
that Col. R. C. Moody, R. E., has retired on full
pay, with the honorary rank of Major-General,
and that he has been succeeded in the com-
mand of the Royal Engineers of the Chatham
District by Lieut. Colonel E. W. Ward, from
half-pay.

THE PEABODY BENEFACTION.—Mr. Peabody,
the wealthy and benevolent banker in London,
has recently made a second donation of that
city, which, added to that bestowed in March,
1862, makes a minimum of a quarter of a mil-
lion sterling.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Satur-
day, April 14, 1866: Duties, \$4,038.23; har-
bor dues, \$78.16; headmoney, \$116; tonnage
dues, \$352.50; Fees, \$1. Total, \$4,581.89.
Number of passengers entering at this port
during same period, 116.

IMPORTS.—The imports into British Colum-
bia, for the quarter ending 25th March, 1866,
amounted to \$243,602.50.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Special Dispatch to the "British Columbian."

**FEARFUL EXPLOSION IN
SAN FRANCISCO.**

Two Buildings Blown to Atoms.

OTHER PROPERTY BADLY INJURED.

Several Lives Lost.

MANY SERIOUSLY INJURED.

TOTAL WRECK OF THE 'LABOUCHERE'

TWO LIVES LOST.

ONE HUNDRED PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

GREAT NAVAL CONTEST.

THE SPANIARDS BADLY WHIPPED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—At about a
quarter past one this afternoon a terrible
explosion occurred in the Assay Office of
G. W. Bell, on California street, adjoining
Wells, Fargo & Co.'s. Capt. Samuel
Knight, Superintendent of Wells, Fargo &
Co.'s Express, and G. W. Bell were instantly
killed. Several others whose names are as yet
unknown, were also killed. Many of the em-
ployees of Wells, Fargo & Co. were more or less
injured; but it is thought none of them were
killed except Mr. Knight. The nature of the
explosion is not yet known, but it is supposed
to have been a barrel of nitro-glycerine oil, one of the most
powerful explosive chemicals known to
modern science.

The concussion was felt with terrible
force throughout the entire city. The
Assay Office and a portion of the Ex-
press Building were demolished. Win-
dow sash and glass were shattered in
buildings in adjoining blocks. The most
intense excitement exists throughout the
city, and a posse of policemen have been
stationed about the Express Office to
keep the crowd back. It is supposed
that some workmen are still buried be-
neath the ruins of the Assay Office. The
bodies of two have already been recovered.

SECOND DISPATCH.
L. E. Webster, head of the New York
Express Department, is missing. The
dead bodies of four persons, in addition
to those named, have been found.

THIRD DISPATCH.
W. S. Havens, of the P. M. S. Co.,
is among the missing. Messrs. Sanders
& Stacy, of the Express Office, are badly
injured; the latter very seriously. From
six to twelve other persons are supposed
to have been killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The Hud-
son Bay Co.'s steamer Labouchere, hence
for Victoria, struck the reef at Point
Reyes at 10:30 P. M. Saturday. The ves-
sel is a total loss. She had on board
about 100 passengers, all of whom, with
the exception of two, were saved.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The Wisconsin
Legislature, by a party vote, except two
Republican members in each branch,
adopted resolutions declaring that Sen-
ator Doolittle has betrayed Wisconsin,
and ought to resign. A resolution ap-
proving the President's policy was voted
down without a single Republican vote
being given in its favor. The Legisla-
ture adjourned to-day.

The Tennessee House is still at a dead
stand. Speaker Haskill, Conservative,
refuses to entertain any motion to refer
the credentials of new members to a com-
mittee, and insists that those members
who did not resign, but whose seats
were declared vacant by the Governor,
are still members of the Speaker's votes.
There will be enough Conservatives pre-
sent for a quorum at any time they choose
to withdraw new Radical members hav-
ing been elected from districts declared
vacant by the Governor. The bad blood
on both sides presages personal violence;
the Radicals consider it a life and death
struggle; if beaten, now the whole
Brownlow Government goes down.

New York, April 12.—The Health
Commissioner having ordered cows and
hogs to be removed from the limits of
the police district, physicians declare
that the cows are nearly all affected with
pleuro-pneumonia, and if sent into the
country they will spread the disease and
cause immense loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—No Eastern
news to-day.

The steamer Sacramento, from Pan-
ama, arrived this morning.

On the 24th March a rebellion occur-
ed at Panama; the conspirators were
shot down by the Government troops
and all leaders captured.

Consulate of the United States, Panama,
March 28th, 1866.

To Messrs. Editors STAR and HERALD:
GENTLEMEN,—I fully approve the views
expressed in your paper of the 27th inst.
in regard to the emigration of poor miners
to Bariloche. Great suffering already
exists at the mines, and my advice to all
miners in California and Nevada is do
not come unless you have at least \$500
in your pocket above the expenses of get-
ting to the mines as a capital to start
with or as a means of returning if sick
or dissatisfied.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed), W. B. LITTLE,
U. S. Consul.

**News of the entire defeat of the Spanish
squadron by the Peruvians and Chileans
is confirmed, the allied squadron consist-
ing of the Apurimac, 30 guns, Peruvian
corvette; American, 13 guns, Peruvian
corvette; Union, 13 guns, Peruvian
dispatch boat; Covadonga, 3 guns,
Chileans in all amounting to 75 guns.
The Spanish vessels were the frigate
Blanca, 36 guns; frigate Villa de Ma-
drid, 50 guns; in all 86 guns. For about
two hours a most earnest cannonading
was kept up. The fire of the allies be-
ing well regulated throughout. The
Blanca was rendered almost useless and
unable to continue the fight. She dropped
behind the island referred to and en-
deavored to do damage by throwing shell
over the island upon the allies. Her
cabin was knocked to pieces. Of killed
and wounded the number must have been
very heavy, judging from the dead bodies
afterwards seen floating about. The
other vessel suffered badly also and both
soon ceased out. Most unfortunately
the machinery of the Apurimac, was dis-
abled and the America and Union could
not leave their anchorage, otherwise these
ships would most assuredly have fallen a
prize to the bravery and skill of the allies.
Their loss amounts to a trifle, only two
men were killed in the action, and the
damage to the vessels is scarce worth
mentioning. The United States steamer
Vanderbilt, Tuscarora, and monitor
Monadnock, were at Valparaiso. The
steamship Moses Taylor sails for San
Juan del Sur at 11 A. M. to-morrow with
a large number of passengers. The Pa-
cific Mail Steamship Sacramento will sail
on the 18th inst. instead of the 19th,
the usual sailing day heretofore. Here-
after in all months where there are 30
days the 18th instead of the 19th will be
the day of departure. This change of
the programme has been adopted for the
purpose of connecting with the French
line at Aspinwall.**

J. A. Crane and John King were yester-
day committed to the Insane Asylum.
Gold in New York yesterday 17 1/2.
Our market for Legal Tenders is a lit-
tle weak and quotations irregular. The
bankers have been buying at 73 1/2 and 73 3/4
and selling at 74 1/4 and 74 3/4.

Arrived, bark D. C. Murray, 19 days
from Honolulu.

Sailed, April 13, bark Torrant, Puget
Sound.

Latest News from Big Bend.

[FROM THE "TRIBUNE"]

From Mr. Wheak, who arrived here
on Friday last, we have the following in-
telligence from our new mines. Mr.
Wheak, who is a member of the "Hit or
Miss" claim on Williams Creek, left
Cariboo, like hundreds of others, to try
his luck in Big Bend. Arriving at Sa-
vana's Ferry on Monday last, he found
that the upper lake (Shuswap) was not
open, so he came down here to spend a
week and then return. The day before
our informant left the Ferry, a French-
man stopping there received a letter from
a miner on French Creek that gave a most
glowing account of the prospects obtained
for several miles up the creek. The ut-
most confidence is felt by every one that
the reports of the extent and richness of
the new diggings are not exaggerated.

About five hundred men were camping
at Kamloops waiting for the ice to break
up, to get on to the new El Dorado.
Flour was \$1.25 per lb.; bacon, \$2 per
lb., at Seymour; and flour was 24 cents
per lb. at Savana's Ferry. Bill Moore
was about to leave Kamloops on his first
trip with his large wagon to Seymour.
A large fleet of boats are on the
lakes ready to take freight across when
navigation is practicable. The work on
the steamer Marten was progressing
rapidly.

NEWS FROM CARIBOO.

We have received the following news
from Mr. Wheak, who arrived here on
Friday last from Cariboo via Savana's
Ferry. Mr. Wheak left Williams Creek
only two weeks since.

WILLIAMS CREEK.
Several claims above Barkerville, in-
cluding the Cornish, have been paying
more than wages during the winter.
The Foster Campbell had got down their
shaft but had not struck pay. Neither
the Barker, Sheepskin, Bald Head, Hi-
bernian, Welch, Hit or Miss, Cariboo or
Grizzly companies were at work. The
claims were all full of water, and there
was very little hope of any of them be-
ing opened until the Bed-Rock Drain is
completed. The Australian Company
have done very well during the winter.
They have made from 100 oz. to 200 oz.
per week. The Wake-up-Jake Company
were about to sink a new shaft on the
upper part of their claim. The Aurora
Company had finished their tunnel and
were waiting for water to commence
washing. The Watson Co., were also
waiting for water to wash. The Cale-
donia Co. had commenced working, and
were taking out a little pay. The Tun-
nel Co., behind the Bank of British Col-
umbia, were working, but had not struck
pay. The Cameron and Dead Broke
Companies were washing under ground,
and doing well. They had a law suit
about water; which was decided in favor
of the latter. The Nevada Tunnel Com-
pany were at work, but had not got into
pay.

STOUT'S GULCH.
A number of claims on this gulch have been
yielding good pay during the winter.

CONKLE'S GULCH.

Only one company—the Hood—were at
work. They were running in a tunnel.
GROUSE CREEK.

Mr. Wheak did not hear anything of the
strike reported to have taken place on this
creek. A miner from Grouse Creek who came
down with our informant to Savana's Ferry on
his way to Big Bend, stated that small wages
had been made by some men who wintered on
this creek.

RED-ROCK PLUME, WILLIAMS CREEK.
The work was being carried on vigorously.
From thirty to forty white men were employ-
ed on it at \$4 per day, (in scrip) and the flume
is completed up to the lower part of Richfield.

THE BED-ROCK DRAIN
Had been finished to a point about the centre
of the Caledonia claim. The work was get-
ting on very slowly, and it will be far on in
the summer before the drain is finished up to
Barkerville.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
Mr. Wheak, who is a member of the Hit or
Miss Company, and has passed two winters in
Cariboo, states that times on this creek since
last fall have been unprecedentedly dull. No
money in circulation, and very little work
done. About 200 men had left the creek for
Big Bend, and it was probable that many more
would follow, as there will be very little work
done for three months at the least, until the
bed-rock drain is carried up the creek to drain
the flume and very much. Flour was selling at
from 30c to 32c per lb.; bacon 75c, and beef
25c per lb. Mr. Cox, J. P., wintered on the
creek, and was in the enjoyment of good
health when our informant left.

Later from Cariboo.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE "TRIBUNE"]

Quesnelmouth, April 15.—The Indians who
escaped from the jail here have been seen with-
in the last two days at the Soda Creek ranch
on the hill. A charge remained in one of
the chambers of his revolver, and he declared
his intention of killing the first white man he
got a chance at. The Government ought to
take prompt steps for his recapture.

Everything is very dull on Williams Creek.
The Grouse Creek strike is further confirmed,
and there is a great scarcity of water for min-
ing purposes. On Monday night and Tuesday
morning last twenty-four inches of snow fell
on the creek, but it is expected to go off at
once. Weather here very fine. River clear of
ice.

Junction, April 15.—Season opening up
finely. Farmers have their land plowed and
have commenced sowing. Roads from Yale to
Junction in fine condition. From Junction up
the snow is rapidly disappearing. Scott's
pack train passed through yesterday for Wil-
liams Creek.

LETTER FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the British Columbian.

Sir.—As any news concerning the present
facilities of communication with the Big Bend
Country will be anxiously sought for by the
public, I take the present opportunity of "post-
ing" you as far as possible.

Kamloops Lake is still frozen from end to
end. Mr. Tilley and myself walked over 9
miles of it this morning on ice nearly one foot
thick, and I think there is very little probability
of its being open for two or three weeks
to the River from Kamloops Lake to the
Little Shuswap is open. Mr. Todd came down
today and reports the latter lake frozen, with
the probabilities of its remaining so for some
time. The Big Shuswap is breaking up.
Traveling is very good by land this far, al-
though considerable snow lies on some parts
of it. There are quite a number on the way
up—200 have passed here already.

Flour is selling here for 25 cents. No Ba-
con to be had at any price. Boats leave here
to-morrow for Seymour—freight \$60 per ton,
passage \$8, with 50 pounds of baggage al-
lowed.

A fresh strike has been made on Camp Creek.
A Freshman, whose name I have not heard,
sunk 45 feet and no bed-rock, but obtained a
fine prospect of coarse gold.

Mr. Greenbaum, from Lillooet, arrived here
this evening with 80 animals, freighted with
provisions. He reports two other large trains
freighted from the same place. A number are
also on the way from Yale, so there is likely
to be plenty of provisions at Seymour as soon
as the navigation is open, but miners would
be under the necessity of taking a supply from
there on their way in.

Yours truly, E. B. HOLT.
Fort Kamloops, March 26th.

**RETRENCHMENT—DIRECT COMMUNI-
CATION.**

MR. EDITOR,—I see that the pro-
gramme of retrenchment which "you and
I, sir," propounded months ago has, to
some extent, been carried out, not by our
parliament, but by our clever Adminis-
trator. The amalgamation of districts,
the substitution of one toll-gate at Clifton
for the two at Lytton and Lillooet, and
the "shipping" of the Postmaster
General, are all leaves out of our book,
and are, each of them, acts which go to
show an honest desire on the part of Mr.
Birch to do the right thing. By the coun-
try, in spite of the selfish scheming and
"log-rolling" trickery of the "Irish Brass
Band," and their connections. You
have had a stormy session of it, Mr.
Editor, and you have fought a good fight
if you have not finished the work, and
your reward is sure to follow. But
much, very much yet remains to be done.
The Postmaster General was not the
only useless ornament figuring in our
"bloated civil list." There remains one
equally useless and far less ornamental
"Quail," as you have appropriately nick-
named the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
must be sent about his business, returned
to Downing Street as unsuited to this
market, before the Administrator can lay
claim to having discharged his duty in
this matter of retrenchment. Let this
be the next step, and it will go far to-
wards satisfying the public that the
Government is in earnest about the mat-
ter; but until that is done "Quail" will
stand forth a minute but striking evi-
dence of Executive profligacy.

Although our mail steamers generally
reach us a day or two behind time they

commonly manage to get away pretty
punctually. The California came in on
Saturday night and left at an inconven-
iently early hour on Monday morning.
The freight was tumbled out during the
night, thereby very much damaged. The
Customs staff were kept up all Saturday
night and hard at work all Sunday, and
all in order that the steamer might get
off on Monday morning before any busi-
ness could be transacted. Seriously this
direct steam communication is assuming
the character of a farce, and is fast grow-
ing into a nuisance too inveterate to be
borne. They appear to have plenty
time to spare at San Francisco, Victoria,
anywhere but the place they are paid to
come to. The public are kept in the dark
as to the terms of the contract; but about
one thing there can be little doubt. The
contract must be ridiculously loose and
one-sided, or else it is being most flagi-
tiously carried out. The error of allow-
ing our steamers to stop at Victoria on
their way up is apparent enough now.
They stop a sufficient time there to allow
the passengers an opportunity to lay in
what British goods they require, all of
which they are allowed to carry in duty
free, thereby depriving the revenue of the
duty and the country of the trade.

We are virtually paying a large subsidy
for steamers to bring trade to Victoria,
and if some improvement does not take
place I, for one, say the sooner it is
brought to a close the better for this
Colony. If the neighboring Colony paid
any part of the subsidy the case would
be very different; but considering the
meanness and dog-in-the-mangerism of
the people of Victoria, the present ar-
rangement is little less than an outrage
upon the people of this Colony, and can-
not be excused upon any ground. I am
not insensible to the importance of direct
steam communication; but it would be
cheaper to double the subsidy and have
a reality instead of a disgraceful sham.

ANGUS.

W. E. Stein formerly of the Hot Springs
on the "Horse Portage," having leased Hick's
Hotel on Columbia street, New Westminster,
wishes to inform the travelling community in
general that the above, being a large 3 story
building, will be found one of the most com-
fortable houses in New Westminster. Meals
and beds, 50c. each, and drinks 12c.

The Hot Spring property which cost me
\$3,300 is now offered for sale at the low figure
of \$1500. The Springs being on the main road
to the Bridge River mines (no humbug about
these diggings), would be invaluable to a good
physician. Apply on the premises to G. Pur-
cell, or to W. E. Stein, Hick's Hotel, New
Westminster.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

ENTERED.
April 14—Str. California, Butters, San Francisco.
15—Str. Reliance, Irving, Yale.
17—Str. Enterprise, Swanson, Victoria.
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New Advertisements.

JAMES ELLARD,
(SUCCESSOR TO G. FERNANDEZ.)
IMPORTER
AND DEALER IN
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,
FRONT STREET. ap10c

A CARD.
MR. ARTHUR BULLOCK is appointed Sub-
Agent in New Westminster for the Royal
Insurance Company, and is also authorised to
receive rents of Lots and Buildings for me.
GILBERT MALCOLM SPROAT.
Victoria, V. I., July 24, 1865. jy27tc

P. L. ANDERSON & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
BUTCHERS,
—AND—
CATTLE DEALERS.

Families, Hotels & Shipping
SUPPLIED WITH MEAT AND VEGETA-
BLES AT SHORT NOTICE.

New Westminster Market.
Fresh Lean Lard and pure Pork Sausages,
every morning.
Columbia street, next door to Armstrong's
Store.
New Westminster, Feb. 9, 1866. fe10tc

NOTICE!

THE undersigned beg leave to inform his
friends and the public that from this date
he will sell his goods for CASH ONLY.
He and also requests all who are indebted
to him to call and pay their bills on or before
the 31st of March, or immediate steps will be
taken to collect the same.
JOHN MURRAY.
17th March, 1866. m17tc

WILLIAM CLARKSON,
Auctioneer, Real Estate and
General Agent.
1418 OFFICE—COLUMBIA STREET. tc

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FORWARDING AND
Commission Merchants,
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BRITISH COLUMBIA,
AT THE
HEAD OF STEAM NAVIGATION
ON
FRASER RIVER.

OPPENHEIMER & CO.,
Beg to intimate that they are prepared to re-
ceive, Store and Forward to any part of
British Columbia every description of
merchandise, on the lowest
possible terms.

A FIRE-PROOF BRICK WAREHOUSE

For STORING GOODS, has been erected, and
Consignors may rely upon the safe and expedi-
tious transportation of goods to their destina-
tion.

ALWAYS ON HAND
A LARGE STOCK OF
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
LIQUORS, CIGARS, TOBACCO,
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
Boots and Shoes, Hardware,
Mining Tools, &c., &c.,

Which we are receiving by every arrival from
San Francisco and Victoria, and which we
offer for sale at reasonable rates.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
OPPENHEIMER & CO.
Yale, B. C., March 28th, 1866. ap10c

HURRAH

—FOR—
BIG BEND.

The undersigned would respect-
fully intimate to his friends and
patrons that it is not necessary to
consult May's P. P., to establish
the fact that the Dig. of his place
is still sustained, and that the
quality of his

ALES, WINES, LIQUORS,
—AND—
SEGARS

Are unsurpassed; as both the
Automaton Bott and their reserve,
with the Independent Members,
who visit the Pioneer Saloon, can
testify to.

JOHN T. SCOTT.
604 New Westminster, Feb. 23d, 1866. tc

THE GOLD MINES

OF
BRIDGE RIVER
AND
CARIBOO.

The Steamers
"HOPE" AND "HENRIETTA"

Will connect with Capt Irving's Steamers
at Harrisonmouth, carrying freight and
passengers to Douglas, in time to connect with
the Portage Stages and the Lake Steamers,
which are now making regular trips. The un-
derigned are prepared to receive freight at
Harrisonmouth and forward the same with the
utmost dispatch to Bridge River, Cariboo, and
intermediate places, at the most reasonable
rates.

E. T. DODGE & CO.
Douglas, B. C., March 24, 1866. m28tc

**British Columbia Coal Mining
Co., (Limited.)**

A CALL of One Dollar per Share, payable
at the company's office on or before the
1st day of May next, has been made.
By order of the Directors,
WILLIAM CLARKSON, Sec'y.

New Westminster, April 9th, 1866. ap11td

FOR SALE!

14 yokes of Work Oxen and one new Wagon,
14 yokes and chains complete for five
yokes. The above cattle are in fine condition.
For further particulars apply to the under-
signed on the Sumass.

V. YEDDER.
Feb. 28th, 1866. m7tc

